

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC 2021 JOINT INTEGRATED	)	
RESOURCE PLAN OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND	)	CASE NO.
ELECTRIC COMPANY AND KENTUCKY	)	2021-00393
UTILITIES COMPANY	)	

ORDER

On April 5, 2022, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E) and Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) requested leave to file comments by May 13, 2022, in response to intervenor comments. LG&E and KU noted that the purpose of the proceeding is to review their integrated resource plan (IRP), and they argued that allowing them to file comments in response to intervenor comments regarding their IRP will not affect the current procedural schedule, because a hearing has not been scheduled.

On April 7, 2022, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention (Attorney General), filed a motion to amend the procedural schedule in this matter to allow one additional week, until April 22, 2022, for intervenors to file their comments in response LG&E and KU's IRP and for one additional week to be added to other dates in the procedural schedule. In support of its motion, the Attorney General argued that his office is currently engaged in several Commission dockets that require significant amounts of time and effort and are subject to inflexible statutory time deadlines. The Attorney General further argued that the extension of time requested should not impact other dates in the schedule or prejudice any party. The

Attorney General also indicated that his office had no objection to LG&E and KU's motion to file comments in response to intervenor comments.

On November 12, 2021, the Commission issued an Order in this matter that establishes a procedural schedule. Among other things, the procedural schedule allows intervenors until April 15, 2022, to file written comments on LG&E and KU's IRP and then indicates that a hearing, post-hearing comments from intervenors, and comments from LG&E and KU in response to intervenor comments are "[t]o be scheduled." The November 12, 2021 Order also stated that motions for extensions of time will only be granted upon a showing of good cause.<sup>1</sup>

With respect to LG&E and KU's motion, it would likely be helpful in evaluating the IRP for LG&E and KU to file comments in response to intervenor comments before Commission Staff's report is issued or a hearing is conducted given the number of intervenors and complexity of the issues raised by parties in discovery. Further, granting LG&E and KU's motion will not affect other dates in the procedural schedule or prejudice any parties, because the hearing date and other dates beyond intervenor comments have not been set yet. Thus, the Commission finds good cause for granting LG&E and KU's motion to file response comments.

With respect to the Attorney General's motion, the Commission recognizes that there are a number of time-sensitive cases before the Commission in which the Attorney General is involved as the statutory representative of Kentucky ratepayers. Further, as above, the proposed extension will not affect other dates in the procedural schedule or prejudice any parties. Thus, the Commission finds that the Attorney General has

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<sup>1</sup> Order (Ky. PSC Nov. 12, 2021).

established good cause for his proposed extension, and therefore, that his motion should be granted. Based on the extension requested by the Attorney General, the Commission will also grant LG&E and KU leave to file response comments until May 20, 2022, as opposed to May 13, 2022, as originally requested.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The motion of LG&E and KU for leave to file written responses to intervenor comments in the record, in this case, is granted.

2. LG&E and KU shall have up to and including May 20, 2022, to file written comments in response to intervenor comments.

3. The motion of the Attorney General to amend the procedural schedule to allow until April 22, 2022, for intervenors to file their comments is granted.

4. All intervenors shall have up to and including April 22, 2022, to file written comments on the LG&E and KU IRP.

5. The November 12, 2021, Order in this matter shall remain in full force and effect except as modified herein.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
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